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Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor, and Chairperson and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida:

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the County. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Housing Finance Authority of Miami-Dade County, Florida, which represents 7 percent of the total assets and other debits of the General Fund, the Miami-Dade Housing Agency Public Housing Division, which represents 37 percent and 21 percent of the total assets and other debits and revenues, respectively, of the Special Revenue Funds, and the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department, which represents 28 percent and 25 percent of the total assets and other debits and revenues, respectively, of the Enterprise Funds. Additionally, the Miami-Dade Housing Agency Public Housing Division represents 7 percent and 6 percent of the total assets and other debits and revenues, respectively, of the Debt Service fund, 6 percent of the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and 19 percent of the General Fixed Asset Account Group. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for those entities, is based solely on the reports of other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as of September 30, 2000 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 9, 2001 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and schedule of expenditures of state awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audit of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of general financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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